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*Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my opinion of the recent settlement between the US Department of Justice and Microsoft. I think the case dragged out far too long, and should be finalized, even if the penalties imposed on Microsoft are too harsh.

I am a proponent of free enterprise and I think Microsoft should not be restrained from being able to innovate and grow as they have in the past. I also do not think Microsoft has a monopoly that could possibly be construed as bad for our economy. Actually, I think Microsoft as it is today does more good than harm for our public. But, I understand some of the lawmakers' and politicians' complaints, and that is why the terms of the settlement are more than fair. Microsoft will be conceding internal interfaces and protocols. They will be designing future Windows versions so that competitors can more easily promote their own products. And, the government will be forming a three-person team to monitor compliance with the settlement.

We are at war and in recession. We need Microsoft's industry strength to be building wealth and technology for our country instead of fighting legal battles in the courts. I thank you for your time and hope your office looks out for the public's best interests, and I hope that you work with Attorney General Butterworth to have this settled in the State of Florida as well.

Sincerely,

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